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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	}
Gary K. Michelson, M.D.	,
Serial No: 08/480,461 Filed: June 7, 1995) Group Art Unit: 3764
For: INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE SURGICAL CORRECTION OF HUMAN THORACIC AND LUMBAR SPINAL DISEASE FROM THE LATERAL ASPECT OF THE SPINE (as amended)	Examiner: M. Brown)))))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of September 18, 2002. A fee of \$920.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1068. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 50-1068.

Respectfully submitted,

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